



Policy on Appropriate Library Behavior

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General Guidelines

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing an atmosphere where people of all ages may enjoy the library. Prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Entering with concealed or openly visible firearms or other dangerous weapons with the exception of those carried by authorized law enforcement agents
- Any action that disturbs others, interferes with library operations, or may cause damage to library property
- Smoking
- Having poor personal hygiene that offends others
- Speaking to other patrons or employees in an abusive manner
- Sleeping
- Bathing
- Not wearing a shirt and/or shoes
- Substance intoxication
- Profanity
- Panhandling

Permitted only as part of library operations

- Remaining in the building after the library's closure
- Bringing animals into the building (service animals permitted)
- Soliciting, canvassing, or conducting surveys

Library employees ensure that these guidelines are upheld. Individuals refusing to comply will be asked to leave the premises.

Theft of Materials

Under Section 943.61 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the concealment of library materials beyond the circulation desk is evidence of intent to deprive the library

of possession of the materials. When probable cause to believe a theft has occurred, library employees may detain an individual using reasonable means until the police arrive. The detainee must be informed of the purpose of the detention and be permitted to use the phone. The detainee may not be interrogated against his/her will or searched by library staff.